

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

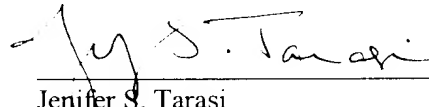
Applicants elect, with traverse, Species I directed to a "chip scale packaged" die. The claim readable on this species is claim 27.

The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I = a "chip scale packaged" die; Species II = an "overmolded" die; and Species III = an "encapsulated" die. Therefore, applicants were required "to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable."

It is respectfully submitted that claim 27 is a "generic" claim as it is directed to a "packaged die". An overmolded die (species II) and an encapsulated die (species III) are types of packaged dies. Therefore, the remaining claims, claims 26, and 28-32 represent a reasonable number of species which are entitled to remain in the application with the generic claim 27. It is respectfully submitted that as claim 27 is a generic claim, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn, and the instant application should proceed to examination of all of claims 26-32 in a single application.

Additionally, applicants submit that the restriction requirement issued 3 July 2003 fails to demonstrate that the application cannot be examined without serious burden. In the absence of the demonstration of serious burden, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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